

## CHAPTER 654

(Senate Bill 1056)

AN ACT concerning

## Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Operations, Standards, and Equipment

FOR the purpose of requiring certain equipment on certain vehicles; altering the definition of "automobile" for certain purposes; defining a certain term; establishing certain vehicle length limitations; altering a provision of law prohibiting a vehicle carrying certain cargo to be driven on a highway under certain circumstances; providing that certain combinations of vehicles may only be operated on certain highways; altering certain vehicle weight limitations; requiring the State Highway Administration to hold a certain hearing; altering a provision of law to give the Secretary of Transportation the authority to establish certain vehicle permit fees; and generally relating to the operations, standards, and equipment of vehicles on State highways.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

## Article - Transportation

Section 22-301(d), 23-104(a), 24-104.1(a) and (j), ~~24-106-2,~~  
24-108(c), 24-109(a) and (c), 24-113, and 24-113.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1984 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Transportation

22-301.

(d) Every vehicle shall be equipped with brakes acting on all wheels, except:

(1) Trailers, semitrailers, or pole trailers of a registered gross weight not exceeding 3,000 pounds, provided that:

(i) The total weight on and including the wheels of the trailer or trailers does not exceed 40 percent of the gross weight of the towing vehicle when connected to the trailer or trailers; and

(ii) The combination of vehicles, consisting of the towing vehicle and its total towed load, is capable of